

## Cherokee City Hall

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**Sent:** Sunday, May 19, 2019 5:26 PM  
**To:** Tim Greenwood; Cindy Wilberding; Megan Stroh Messerole; Jim Adamson; Barb Busch-Mott; John R. Snapp; Mick Samsel; Julie McLaren  
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**Subject:** Minutes CHPC Meeting of March 19, 2019

May 18, 2019

Greetings, Members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission.

Here are the minutes of our meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at the Historic Cherokee Depot. The minutes are based on notes made by me at the meeting.

### Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission

#### Minutes of Meeting at Cherokee Depot, Tuesday April 23, 2019

Commissioners present: Adamson, Busch-Mott, Samsel, Snapp, Stroh Messerole, Murphy, Greenwood, McLaren, and Wilberding.  
Commissioners absent: None. Guests: Andrew Linn

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Adamson at 5:15 p.m.
2. Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2019 reviewed and approved on motion by Greenwood and second by Samsel. All ayes.
3. Cherokee Historic & Architectural Reconnaissance Survey Report book sales. 173 books have been sold and approximately 17 left on hand.
4. Jim Adamson and Megan Stroh Messerole reported on the progress of the Historic Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant to update ISIF's & prepare nominations for 4 residential properties and 2 business buildings in Cherokee to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Buildings in the Project were the Seaman House, the Rodman/Thomas House, the Boughton/Brummer House, and the Guy M. Gillette House. Unfortunately the Rodman/Thomas house is being dropped from the nomination because both Richard Carlson, Architectural Historian, University of Iowa and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have determined that it is not likely individually eligible because of modifications made over the years and that it does not retain enough individual integrity for the nomination to go forward. They suggested it would be better suited as part of a historic district nomination. Adamson handed out copies of the nominations to all Commissioners for review and said that we will need to discuss and make comments at our next meeting and that notices of the nominations need to be available to the public and press. The review committee for the submissions meets on June 12, 2019. There was also a brief discussion on the timeline and integrity issues for the Loughlin business buildings.
5. As a part of Historic Preservation Week, Chairman Adamson, presented Andrew Linn with a plaque recognizing Andrew and Pamela Linn for their preservation work in the renovation of the house at 515 W. Cherry Street into the Lady Next Door Bed & Breakfast.
6. Wilson School - Shawn Foutch is still looking at options to acquire the building so that the Wilson Apartments project can proceed.  
Brummer building - nothing new to report.  
First Baptist Church/GAR Hall/Seventh Day Adventist Church - Mike & Christina Meloy have acquired the location for use as an art studio.
7. Regional Joint Heritage Tourism Meeting of the Cherokee, LeMars, and Sioux City Historic Preservation Commissions. Next meeting in Sioux City not scheduled yet. Bill Burroughs will co-ordinate. Monona County HPC may also attend.

8. Jim Adamson reported on his attendance at meetings in LeMars and Manning, IA to obtain information on perhaps having Cherokee become a Main Street Iowa Community. He stated that Main Street Iowa is a good mesh with historic preservation and also a good source for grants. He also informed Commissioners of a Downtown Forum sponsored by the IEDA's Iowa Downtown Resource Center that will be held in Cherokee from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on July 24, 2019 at the Gathering Place, one of four to be held in Iowa.

9. May - Preservation Month. Review of plans for May 2019 led by Barb Busch-Mott: Mayor Schmidt will read the proclamation declaring the month of May as Historic Preservation Month in Cherokee at the Chamber Coffee at the depot on April 26 at 9:30 A.M. with a similar historic photo slide show presentation as last year, also before and after photos of the buildings in the Downtown Facade Project. Greenwood to arrange coffee, Murphy to bring bottled water, and Busch-Mott items from the new bakery. Megan Stroh Messerole to lead an archaeological tour to Pilot Rock on May 1st at 6:00 p.m. The art wall at the Sanford Museum in May will include a display on the 4 homes and 2 business buildings that we are nominating to the National Register. On May 2nd the Sanford Museum will host a program on the "Orphan Train" at 6:30 pm. Bob Spurlock to speak on his book about Martin Treptow on May 4th at 2:00 pm. Our Commission's historical preservation award this year to the "Lady Next Door" B&B which will have an open house on both Saturday & Sunday from 11 am - 4 pm. Lily of Valley schoolhouse open May 5th from 2-4 pm. Gustafson Realty to again sponsor a scavenger hunt with historical theme. Posters prepared by Mick Samsel will be distributed for display in Cherokee's historic downtown buildings.

10. Cherokee Community Foundation balance (CHPC) \$7,791.94 (this includes one half the proceeds from the HRDP grant for the 6 properties' nomination to NRHP and the grant matches from the 6 property owners). Friends of Historic Preservation balance - \$1,275.46 which includes a \$190 donation from Tim Greenwood. Bills submitted for payment - none.

11. Items not on the Agenda: Mick Samsel led a discussion about endangered historic buildings in Cherokee that we should increase our efforts to preserve noting the yearly tax revenue generated by the old Post Office is \$806, by the Cherokee Clinic \$3062, and if Wilson Apartments would become a reality it could generate a possible \$10,000 in tax revenue. General discussion.

13. Next regular Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the Historic Cherokee Depot.

14. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m on motion by Snapp, second by Stroh Messerole. All ayes.

John R. Snapp, Secretary